

REMARKS

Claims 9-12, 14, 19, 23-45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53-70, 73, 74, 77-82, 85, 86, 89 and 90 are pending in this application, with claims 9-12, 23, 27, 32, 37, 47 and 50 being independent. Claims 23-45 have been previously withdrawn. Claims 9, 10, 47, 48, 50 and 51 have been amended, and claims 71, 72, 75, 76, 83, 84, 87 and 88 have been canceled. In particular, independent claims 9 and 10 have been amended to recite the additional limitations: "forming a base film over a substrate", "separating the substrate from the base film" and "bonding a color filter comprising at least a red colored layer, a green colored layer and a blue colored layer to the base film." Independent claims 47 and 50 have been amended to recite the additional limitations: "forming a base film over a first substrate", "separating the first substrate from the base film" and "bonding a second substrate comprising at least a red colored layer, a green colored layer and a blue colored layer to the base film." Support for these amendments may be found in the application at least at page 41, line 8 to page 43, line 2. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 11, 12, 14, 19, 59-64 and 79-82. Independent claims 9, 10, 47 and 50 have been amended to recite features similar to those of allowed independent claims 11 and 12.

Independent claim 9 and its dependent claims 55 and 74 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada (U.S. Patent No. 6,280,559) in view of Nomura (U.S. Patent No. 6,320,309). Independent claim 10 and its dependent claims 58 and 78 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada in view of Nomura and Yoneda (U.S. Patent No. 6,392,340). Independent claims 47 and 50, and their dependent claims 48, 51, 67, 70, 86 and 90, have been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada in view of Nomura and King (U.S. Patent No. 4,963,788). Independent claims 47 and 50, and their dependent claims 48, 51, 86 and 90, have been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada in view of Nomura and Matthies (U.S. Patent No. 6,476,783). Dependent claims 53 and 54, which depend from claim 9, have been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada in view of Nomura and Bao (U.S. Patent No. 6,252,253). Dependent claims 56 and 57, which depend from claim 10, have been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada in view of Nomura, Yoneda and Bao. Dependent claims 65, 66, 68

and 69, which depend from claims 47 and 50, have been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada in view of Nomura, King, and Bao. Dependent claim 73, which depends from claim 9, has been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada in view of Nomura and Noguchi (U.S. Patent No. 5,040,875). Dependent claim 77, which depends from claim 10, has been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada in view of Nomura, Yoneda and Noguchi. Dependent claims 85 and 89, which depend from claims 47 and 50, respectively, have been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada in view of Nomura and Noguchi.

As stated previously, independent claims 9 and 10 have been amended to recite forming a base film over a substrate, separating the substrate from the base film, and bonding a color filter that includes at least a red colored layer, a green colored layer and a blue colored layer to the base film. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 9 and 10, and their dependent claims, because neither Terada, Nomura, Noguchi, King, Bao nor any proper combination of the five describes or suggests these features.

As stated with respect to claims 11 and 12 in the response filed by Applicants on October 30, 2007, Terada describes an EL display device that includes a main substrate 33 on which is formed an EL device portion 34. Notably, Terada does not describe or suggest forming a base film over the main substrate 33, removing the base film from the main substrate 33, and then bonding a color filter to the base film that includes at least a red colored layer, a green colored layer, and a blue colored layer. Rather, Terada describes grinding down the thickness of the main substrate 33 and then bonding red, green, and blue filters 35 on a reinforcing substrate 37 to the main substrate 33.

Nomura, Noguchi, King and Bao also fail to disclose the above features. Rather, Nomura describes a display device having smoothed color filters; Noguchi describes an active matrix liquid crystal display having a high contrast ratio; King describes a thin film EL display device with improved contrast; and Bao describes an LED device that emits light in a pattern.

For at least these reasons, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claim 9 and 10, and their dependent claims.

As noted above, independent claims 47 and 50 have been amended to similarly recite forming a base film over a first substrate, separating the first substrate from the base film, and

bonding a second substrate that includes at least a red colored layer, a green colored layer and a blue colored layer to the base film. Accordingly, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of independent claims 47 and 50, and their dependent claims, for the reasons discussed above with respect to claims 9 and 10.

Applicants also note that the Examiner asserted in her statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter that the primary reason for allowance of claims 11, 12, 14, 19, 59-64 and 79-82 is the claimed process of separating the substrate from the base film including the light emitting elements, and then bonding a substrate including the colored layers to the base film in addition to the other limitations in the claims. The Examiner asserted that the prior art "provides no suggestion of specifically separating the substrate from the light emitting structures to bond a color filter substrate in place of the original substrate, nor is there any indication of the desirable effects of the claimed process, such as minimizing the substrate thickness through which the light is emitted as well as permitting formation of completely flexible light emitting structures." See page 15 of Office Action. Applicants concur with the Examiner and assert that this same reasoning supports allowance of amended claims 9, 10, 47 and 50, and their dependent claims.

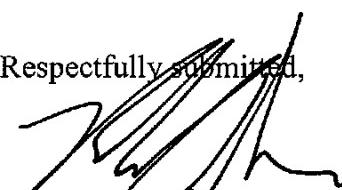
Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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